INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATES / CRI-SEP

Class Rating Instructor

Help qualified pilots develop their skills on single-engine piston aeroplanes.



Course summary

The CRI-SEP route prepares experienced pilots to deliver instruction within class-rating instructor privileges. It is distinct from an FI course for teaching an ab-initio PPL student. You develop technical briefing and airborne instructional skills for the applicable class.

Entry requirements

- At least 18 years old, with the applicable licence, class rating, medical and instructor prerequisites.
- At least 300 hours flight time as a pilot on aeroplanes.
- At least 30 hours as PIC in the applicable class or type.
- Club pre-entry assessment and review of suitability.

Credits available

- Holders or former holders of an instructor certificate receive full credit for the 25-hour teaching-and-learning element.
- The club checks the scope of your existing privileges and remaining training requirements.

CRI-SEP / TRAINING & NEXT STEPS

Hours

Pre-entry assessment	Club outline: approximately 1 hour
Teaching and learning	25 hours before applicable credit
Technical training	At least 10 hours
Single-engine flight instruction	At least 3 hours
Completion	Assessment of competence

Three hours is a minimum, not a guarantee of readiness for assessment. The supplied club outline identifies ten hours of ground briefings.

Theoretical knowledge (TK)

Technical revision, lesson planning and classroom instructional practice sit alongside teaching and learning. The focus is on explaining and demonstrating the relevant class-rating exercises clearly.

Frequently asked questions

Can a CRI teach the initial PPL course?

A CRI certificate does not replace the FI certificate required for ab-initio PPL instruction.

Can I later progress to FI?

Yes, if you meet FI entry requirements. Existing instructor qualifications may give defined credits, but the FI course and assessment still apply.

Does this qualify me on every SEP aircraft?

Instruction is limited by your certificate privileges, aircraft experience and any differences training required.

Your next step

Enquire at info@waterfordaeroclub.com. Tell us your goals and flying experience. Training availability, approved scope and individual eligibility are confirmed before enrolment.

Prices are maintained separately on the website pricing page. Contact the club for current pricing.

Reference: FCL.915, FCL.905.CRI, FCL.915.CRI, FCL.930.CRI and FCL.935. EASA Aircrew rules, November 2025 edition.